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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, PLANS

16 February 1953

SUBJECT: Project GROSSBAHN (Formalization and Renewal)

1. Project GROSSBAHN was originally established under ZIPPER, transferred from ZIPPER in February 1950 and turned over to PULLACH Operations Base for control. In the spring of 1952 control was transferred to the Salzburg Base. The attached project outline is the first attempt at formalization of the operation.

2. The objectives of this project are: a) to provide OB information on the Soviet Zone of Austria; b) to assist in Salzburg Station's REDCAP program; c) to furnish CI/CE coverage, police surveillance and checks; d) to provide leads to, and possibly handle, personnel for the ICEBERG program; e) to furnish aid and support for Satellite REDSKIN operations; f) to provide political coverage when requested; and g) to build up a local support structure.

3. The principal agent, GROSSBAHN, has worked for U.S. intelligence since the end of the war. His sub-agents are CC-2, CC-3, CC-4, PP-1, AA-1, HH-1, and XX-1. Details on their respective backgrounds are given in paragraph (4) of the attached Project Outline.

4. GROSSBAHN knows that he is working for CIA. He has a loose cover of journalistic and publishing interests.

5. GROSSBAHN is motivated primarily by a desire to become an American citizen (no commitment has been made); control is based on his financial dependence on salary we pay him and the possibility of compromise. He has been favorably carriage-tested. The sub-agents' motivation is primarily through personal respect for GROSSBAHN; control is also maintained through GROSSBAHN.

6. The estimated total yearly cost of Project GROSSBAHN is \$20,000 (compensation, GROSSBAHN and sub-agents, \$14,540; travel expenses \$1,005; and operational expenses \$4,455).

7. A possible security threat to Project GROSSBAHN has arisen in the case of agent CC-2, who has been in contact with Dr. Willi HOETTL, an intelligence peddler suspected of being in contact with the Soviets. CC-2 submitted a resignation effective 31 January 1953

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EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

(2)(A) Privacy ☐
(2)(B) Methods/Sources ☒
(2)(G) Foreign Relations ☐

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in order to accept a newspaper position in Germany. Debriefing of CC-2 regarding his contact with HOETIL took place 28 January 1953. According to the case officer, results recently received from the field indicate there is no serious problem in the case.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Project GROSSBAHN be approved for the period 1 February 1953 through 31 January 1954.

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Acting Chief, Projects Branch

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Chief, STC

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for Chief, Operations

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Chief, Plans

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ATTACHMENT: Project Outline GROSSBAHN

cc: STC/SPB

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PROJECT FORM

1. Background of Proposal:

- a. How discovered by you.
- b. Contact and relationship to date with principal agent or agents.
- c. Intelligence background of principal agent or agents.
- d. Extent and status of recruitment of or approaches to subagents.
- e. Security considerations:
 - 1. CE
 - 2. CI
 - 3. Other
- f. Funds or supplies expended to date or planned for expenditure prior to approval.
- g. Name checks requested:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - etc.

2. General Aims:

- a.
- b.
- etc.

3. Specific Objectives or Targets:

- a.
- etc.

4. Personnel:

- a.
- etc.

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5. Contact, Communications, and Control:

- a. Methods of contact:
- b. Methods of communication:
- c. Control:

6. Proposed Cover:

- a. Cutout:
- b. Principal agent or agents:
- c. Agents:
- d. Your office:

7. Proposed Costs:

a. Quarterly:

- 1. Compensation:
- 2. Operational expenses:
- 3. Travel and other expenses:
- 4. Supplies:
- 5. One time expenses:

b. Monthly:

- 1. Compensation:
- 2. Operational expenses:
- 3. Travel and other expenses:
- 4. Supplies:
- 5. One time expenses:

c. Services:

- 1.
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d. Possible disposal costs:

8. Proposed Commitments:

9. Special Problems:

a.

etc.

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Contact Report Outline

- I. Opening of Meeting:
 - a. How and for when arranged.
 - b. Date, time, and place held.
- II. Production:
 - a. Itemized list of take.
- III. Operational Matters:
 - a. Discussion of operational ground covered at meeting.
- IV. Operational Factors:
 - a. Operational security.
 - b. Agent training.
 - c. Control.
 - d. CE Aspects.
 - e. Commo.
- V. Biographical Details and Personal Factors:
- VI. Supply and Support:
 - a. Remuneration.
 - b. Supplies.
 - c. Other.
- VII. Close of Meeting:
 - a. Time and circumstances of close of meeting.
 - b. Arrangements for new meeting if any made.

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Berichtsschema für Zusammenkünfte

- A. (1) Wie, für wann, und für wo wurde das Zusammentreffen arrangiert?
- (2) Datum, Zeit und Ort, wo das Zusammentreffen tatsächlich stattgefunden hat.
- B. (1) Detailliste der bei dieser Zusammenkunft übernommenen Berichte, Photographien, Skizzen, Dokumente, etc.
- C. (1) Beschreibung der operativen Gegenstände während der Zusammenkunft (Aufträge, Hinweise, Deckungsanweisung, Subaufträge, usw.)
- D. (1) Operative Sicherheitsvorkehrungen (einschliesslich Vorkehrungen für das Zusammentreffen)
- (2) Schulung
- (3) Überwachung
- (4) Möglichkeiten der feindlichen Überwachung oder Infiltrierung
- (5) Verbindungsaufnahme und vereinbarte Verbindung
- E. (1) Biographische Daten und Personalangaben (einschliesslich aller eventuellen Änderungen)
- F. (1) Entschädigung
- (2) Eventuelle Warenlieferungen
- (3) Eventuelle sonstige Unterstützungen
- G. (1) Zeit und Umstände, unter denen das Zusammentreffen beendet wurde
- (2) Absprache für ein neues Zusammentreffen.

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